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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANC COMPANY,	E) )	
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v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
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successor in interest to INA REINSURANCE	)	
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Defendant.		
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### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company ("St. Paul"), by its counsel, brings this Complaint for breach of contract, declaratory judgment, and anticipatory breach of contract against Defendant R&Q Reinsurance Company ("R&Q").

#### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. This action arises out of R&Q's: (a) refusal to reimburse St. Paul for amounts billed to R&Q under Facultative Reinsurance Contract No. FRC033366 ("Contract No. FRC033366"), issued to St. Paul by R&Q's predecessor in interest, INA Reinsurance Company ("INA"); (b) refusal to acknowledge that INA issued a second reinsurance contract to St. Paul, Facultative Reinsurance Contract No. FRC029550 ("Contract No. FRC029550"), despite substantial evidence establishing the existence of that contract; and (c) refusal to reimburse St. Paul for any amounts due to R&Q under Contract No. FRC029550.

#### THE PARTIES

- St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut with its principal place of business located in Hartford, Connecticut.
- 3. On information and belief, Defendant R&Q Reinsurance Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On information and belief, R&Q maintains its assets in Pennsylvania. R&Q took over responsibility for losses insured and/or reinsured by its predecessor in interest, INA, in or around 2006. On information and belief, INA was a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 2201. There is complete diversity of citizenship between the Plaintiff St. Paul and Defendant R&Q, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. The dispute between the parties constitutes an actual and ripe controversy.
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over R&Q because it is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 6. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over R&Q because it has subjected and availed itself of and to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 5322(a)(1), by transacting business in this jurisdiction.
- 7. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because R&Q is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **The Underlying Asbestos Claims**

- 8. Walter E. Campbell Company, Inc. ("WECCO") has been named as a defendant in thousands of lawsuits seeking damages for asbestos-related injuries (the "Underlying Asbestos Claims"). St. Paul participates in defending and indemnifying WECCO in connection with the Underlying Asbestos Claims, under liability insurance policies issued to WECCO by St. Paul.
- 9. Two of the policies under which St. Paul participates in the defense and indemnity of WECCO are excess liability policies: (a) Policy No. 581XD7801, with a policy period of April 1, 1981 to April 1, 1982; and (b) Policy No. 581XD4769, with a policy period of April 1, 1980 to April 1, 1981.
- 10. St. Paul has paid in excess of \$10 million, on behalf of WECCO, under the above-referenced excess liability policies in connection with the Underlying Asbestos Claims.

#### The Reinsurance Contracts

- 11. R&Q's predecessor in interest, INA, issued Contract No. FRC033366 to St. Paul. Contract No. FRC033366 is a type of reinsurance contract known as a "facultative certificate". A facultative certificate is a reinsurance contract that reinsures all or a portion of the liability arising under a particular policy.
- 12. Contract No. FRC033366 reinsures liability arising under Policy No. 581XD7801, issued by St. Paul to WECCO. The stated limits of Contract No. FRC033366 are \$4 million -- each occurrence/aggregate -- excess of \$1 million, each occurrence/aggregate. As a result, R&Q is obligated to reimburse St. Paul under Contract No. FRC033366 for amounts in excess of \$1 million, which were paid by St. Paul under Policy No. 581XD7801.

13. Contract No. FRC033366 indicates on its face that it is a renewal of a second facultative certificate, Contract No. FRC029550, which was also issued to St. Paul by INA. Contract No. FRC029550 reinsures liability under Policy No. 581XD4769. Upon information and belief, the limits of Contract No. FRC029550 are identical to the limits of Contract No. FRC033366. As a result, R&Q is obligated to reimburse St. Paul under Contract No. FRC029550 for amounts in excess of \$1 million, which were paid by St. Paul under Policy No. 581XD4769.

#### R&O's Delay Tactics And Refusal To Pay Under FRC033366

- 14. On or around April 9, 2013, St. Paul sent an initial notice of loss to R&Q pursuant to Contract No. FRC033366, arising from St. Paul's payment of Underlying Asbestos Claims under Policy No. 581XD7801.
- 15. In July and August 2013, R&Q requested documentation indicating that Policy No. 581XD7801 was reinsured under Contract No. FRC033366. In September 2013, St. Paul provided such documentation to R&Q, and R&Q has since acknowledged that Policy No. 581XD7801 is reinsured under Contract No. FRC033366.
- 16. Between September 2013 and August 2014, St. Paul repeatedly requested information from R&Q concerning the status of R&Q's investigation of St. Paul's notice of loss under Contract No. FRC033366. R&Q repeatedly declined to provide any substantive response to St. Paul. Instead, R&Q stated time and again that St. Paul's claim was being transferred between different members of R&Q's claims handling department, and that a response would be provided sometime in the future.
- 17. On August 11, 2014, still having received no substantive response from R&Q, St. Paul issued a bill to R&Q in the amount of \$4,415,711.95, under Contract No. FRC033366,

representing R&Q's share of the payments made by St. Paul on behalf of WECCO under Policy No. 581XD7801, plus certain covered expenses.

- 18. On August 20, 2014, R&Q finally provided its first substantive response to St. Paul's notice of loss under Contract No. FRC033366, which consisted of a series of objections and a litany of requests for information that R&Q had neglected to raise over the preceding sixteen months.
- 19. On November 7, 2014, though under no contractual obligation to do so, St. Paul responded in detail to R&Q's August 20, 2014 communication.
- 20. In response to St. Paul's November 7, 2014 correspondence, R&Q sent another email to St. Paul, dated December 16, 2014, which: (a) re-raised many of the same questions that St. Paul had previously answered on November 7, 2014; and (b) requested still more information.
  - 21. On July 17, 2015, St. Paul issued another detailed response to R&Q's queries.
- 22. Despite the significant passage of time from the date of St. Paul's initial billing, and the fact that all of R&Q's questions have been answered on two separate occasions, R&Q still has not paid any portion of St. Paul's August 11, 2014 billing.

#### R&Q's Refusal To Acknowledge Certificate No. FRC029550

- 23. Although R&Q ultimately acknowledged that INA issued Contract No. FRC033366 to St. Paul, R&Q has not acknowledged that INA also issued Contract No. FRC029550.
- 24. St. Paul has provided R&Q with substantial evidence establishing the existence of Contract No. FRC029550, including the face of Contract No. FRC033366, which indicates that it is a renewal of Contract No. FRC029550.

- 25. In addition, R&Q has located a claim file in its own system for Contract No. FRC029550. R&Q would, of course, have had no reason to handle a claim under a non-existent reinsurance contract.
- 26. Even though both St. Paul's and R&Q's files contain evidence that INA issued Contract No. FRC029550 to St. Paul, R&Q refuses to acknowledge its existence.
- 27. St. Paul has made payments under Policy No. 581XD4769 that are sufficient to trigger R&Q's payment obligations under Contract No. FRC029550. St. Paul has not yet billed R&Q under Contract No. FRC029950, due to R&Q's refusal to acknowledge the existence of that facultative certificate.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION - BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 28. St. Paul repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 27 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 29. Contract No. FRC033366 is a valid and binding contract under which R&Q is obligated to reimburse St. Paul for indemnity and expense payments made by St. Paul under Policy No. 581XD7801.
- 30. R&Q has breached its contractual and legal obligations by: (a) failing and refusing to pay outstanding amounts billed to R&Q by St. Paul under Contract No. FRC033366; (b) raising meritless objections; and (c) forcing St. Paul to initiate this litigation, in order to obtain payment.
- 31. St. Paul has been damaged by R&Q's breaches in the principal amount of \$4,415,711.95, plus interest.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

- 32. St. Paul repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 31 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 33. Contract No. FRC029550 is a valid and binding contract under which R&Q is obligated to reimburse St. Paul for indemnity and expense payments made by St. Paul under Policy No. 581XD4769.
- 34. St. Paul has provided R&Q with evidence sufficient to establish the existence of, and the coverage provided by, Contract No. FRC029550.
- 35. R&Q refuses to acknowledge the existence of, or the coverage provided by, Contract No. FRC029550.
- 36. As a result of the foregoing, an actual, ripe and justiciable controversy exists between the parties, and St. Paul is entitled to a declaration in its favor stating that R&Q is obligated to indemnify St. Paul for 100% of \$4 million in excess of \$1 million, under Contract No. FRC029550, in connection with amounts paid by St. Paul under Policy No. 581XD4769.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – ANTICIPATORY BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 37. St. Paul repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 36 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 38. R&Q has anticipatorily renounced its obligations to St. Paul under Contract No. FRC029550 by seeking a judicial determination that R&Q is not obligated to reimburse St. Paul for amounts due under Contract No. FRC029550. See Complaint at 7-9, R&Q Reinsurance Co. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 1:15-cv-07784 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 4, 2015).

- 39. R&Q's request for a determination that it has no obligation to reimburse St. Paul under Contract No. FRC029550 demonstrates a distinct and positive statement of its unwillingness to perform its obligations to St. Paul under Contract No. FRC029550.
- 40. R&Q has anticipatorily breached its contractual and legal obligations by unequivocally refusing to perform its obligations to St. Paul under Contract No. FRC029550.
- 41. St. Paul has been damaged by R&Q's breaches in the principal amount of \$4,509,684.41, plus interest.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE**, St. Paul respectfully requests that the Court enter a judgment in its favor:

- a. on Count I of this Complaint in the amount of \$4,415,711.95, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs;
- b. on Count II of this Complaint, declaring that R&Q is obligated to indemnify Travelers under Contract No. FRC029550;
- c. on Count III of this Complaint in the amount of \$4,509,684.41, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs; and
- d. granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem to be just and appropriate in the circumstances.

# ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,

By its attorneys,

#### /s/ Paola T. Kaczynski

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